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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:**

Since the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council is not circulating your memorandum to him of December 9, transmitting to him the Proposed NSC Intelligence Directives, you will undoubtedly wish to bring to the attention of the National Security Council when making your oral presentation about CIA at least the five following points:

1. The proposed directives are a compromise after a considerable discussion with the ad hoc committee and also Intelligence Chiefs from the various departments and agencies.

2. The dominant responsibility about air intelligence must be resolved in NSCIDS No. 2 and No. 3.

3. There is no disagreement in the substance of paragraphs 8, 9, and 10 of NSCID No. 1, but State thinks the method of procedure whereby the NSC gives direct instructions to the Departments is wrong. *See attached sheet.*

4. The IAC should be more definitively resolved: We think your committee for advice, but Army and Navy seem to think as a matter of Management or control. It would certainly help matters if the Security Council would spell this out in authoritative detail. The Directive as written says "shall be established". To me that means that under Paragraph 303 of the Act you will call such a committee together to advise you, but that is not the opinion of the members of the other agencies. They want to be appointed by the National Security Council not by the Director of Central Intelligence.

5. Personally, I think the National Security Council should spread the word down through their organizations that in accordance with the Act of Congress, after a trial run of a year or two under the Presidential directive, this is supposed to be a Centralized Intelligence Agency and you are supposed to be the Director thereof, not an "administrator" or secretariat for the other organizations.

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